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SUPPORT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Urge Cooperation In Traffic Safety Drive

The Mayor of Seattle and the Seattle Safety Council have appealed to the Commandant of the Thirteenth Naval District for the cooperation of Naval personnel in reducing the number of pedestrian fatalities in the Seattle area. There was a marked increase of such accidents in the months of December 1944 and January 1945.

In the interests of accident prevention, requirements of the Seattle Traffic Code must be heeded. They include: Conforming to the automatic Stop and Go signals; crossing the streets in business districts or on arterial highways only at intersections or on marked crosswalks; no diagonal crossing of street intersections.

Offense against the above by pedestrians is punishable by arrest and fine. The Seattle Shore Patrol has been directed to enforce the above safety rules insofar as Naval personnel is concerned .

GIFT FOR CHAPEL SENT FROM N. Y.

Another gift has been made to the hospital Chapel on the Hill in the form of The Stations of the Cross. The gift which came from the Military Ordinariate of New York, arrived last week. "For this gift we are thankful especially during this season of Lent," Catholic Chaplain Lane said.

The gift consists of 14 pictures, each representing a particular event in the Divine Tragedy, starting in the courtroom of Pilate and reaching its climax on Mount Calvary. The pictures, although not to be placed in the chapel as permanent fixtures, will be used for the Catholic services.

Guam (CNS) — Victory gardens have been planted by Yanks on Guam, Tinian and Saipan, according to the Navy Department. More than 10,000 acres have been planted on these bases since their liberation and the crop yield is expected to exceed 5,000 tons of vegetables a month.

It has not taken a global war to inform all peoples of the existence of the American Red Cross. For many, many years peoples of most of the nations of the world have had reason to be aware of its presence in their own respective countries as well as do the people of the United States. No organization has a record for humanitarian service as has the American Red Cross. It recognizes no color, creed or racial distinction. Its only requirement is "can it be of service?" It interferes with no government; it supports constituted authority and supplements governmental provision.

The importance of the American Red Cross to this country is recognized in the charter granted by the Congress of the United States: whereas, the American Red Cross is directed "to act as a medium of communication between the people of the United States and their Army and Navy." The President of the United States is the President of the American Red Cross. He appoints the National Chairman of the Red Cross. He likewise appoints the members of the Central Committee which is the governing body of the Red Cross. Among its members are representatives of the following Departments of the Government: State, Treasury, Justice, War and Navy. Congress provided the governmental site upon which the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross is built and likewise provided the funds for the erection of that magnificent building. Yet, with all the semi-governmental relationships no moneys for the maintenance of the Red Cross come from governmental sources. It is entirely financed from the private purses of the American people. As it serves humanity wherever there is need for its assistance, it is necessary that it have large sums of money to carry on its world-flung program.

It is not possible in a condensed space to enumerate the details of that program. Those of us in the Naval service or, in the broader sense, the military services of our country, have reason to be more aware of its presence and its ministrations than have other people. While its activities cover a wide range in peacetime, when we go to war and now in the midst of one old in years, the program of service to the military forces is stupendous. Wherever you find the fighting man and woman today a close relationship maintains between him and her and the Red Cross. While much of its aid and assistance is tangible and evident, a large part of it is intangible and not seen, as is expressed in service.

Here on one of the largest Naval hospital reservations is visible a program of helpfulness to the individual and to the Command in general. Without the co-association and the assistance of the Red Cross no Commanding Officer could adequately or sufficiently meet the requirements of service to patients and members of the staff. We cannot help but be conscious on this compound that without the helpful services of the Red Cross the efficient and successful care of the casualties of war and their entertainment of all hands could not be provided for.

While our government is generous in its provisions for its citizens, the American people are desirous that through private sources they may express their affection, their attentiveness and their interestedness in the members of the armed forces who are the defenders of the nation in time of war. The Red Cross program as carried out at this hospital is most excellent. It has been under the able direction of the Field Director, Miss Virginia Farr, since the commissioning of the hospital two and one-half years ago. While your financial support of the Red Cross may be most evident to you wherever you have or now are serving your country, there is the consciousness that by your financial support of it you are evidencing your interest in human succor and aid to your fellow man throughout the nation and into the far corners of the globe.

J. T. BOONE, Captain (MC), U. S. Navy
Medical Officer in Command.

LT. JOHNSON IS NEW INSURANCE OFFICER

Answers to questions concerning benefits and insurance are available now to patients and staff with the addition to the hospital staff of the new Benefits and Insurance Officer, Lt. Lamont R. Johnson. Lt. Johnson has his office in the new quarters just north of the garage.

For patients being discharged from the service, Lt. Johnson will answer questions concerning the advantages of government life insurance; waiver of premium benefits, and insurance change-overs.

He comes to the hospital with a sound background of insurance business having served five years with the Columbian National Life company and was for eight and one-half years connected with the General Motors company as a territorial manager. In the Navy since November 1942, Lt. Johnson formerly served with the Armed Guard out of New Orleans and was on sea duty until last January. He completed the course at the new training school for Insurance Officers in Washington, D.C. Lt. Johnson hails from Arkansas City. Kansas.

Lt. Cmdr. Baxter Goes To Farragut Hospital

Lt. Cmdr. Harold L. Baxter (MC) USNR bid a hurried goodby to his many friends on the hospital compound last week when orders came through for him to report for duty at the Naval hospital at Farragut, Idaho.

On duty here since 6 February 1944, Dr. Baxter, who formerly practiced at Waupaca, Wis., reported aboard from the U. S. Naval hospital at Philadelphia where he had taken a post-graduate course in neuro psychiatry. He had served aboard the U.S.S. Boise from 15 August 1942 to 3 September 1943 and saw action in the second battle of the Savo Island off Cape Esperance, Solomon Islands and took part in the invasion of Sicily and bombardment of the Italian coast.

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AMERICAN PRIDE

No military secret is the fact that we have an unofficial diagnosis of "Surveyitis" (without the DU prefix) in our Navy today. Its existence is tolerated for an obvious reason. Military machines cannot function efficiently with namby-pamby neurotics or personnel unable to adapt themselves toward activity that requires sacrifices and possible bloodshed. Hence the willingness of Armed Forces to drop such personnel from their unit with medical discharges.

Casualties recuperating here have a human right to become bitter as they see the daily parade for discharges under self-provoked headaches, etc., that automatically clear up in time for the 1630 liberty party. To them it may seem that their efforts have been in vain.

During the depression, however, we had Americans too proud to accept relief! Thanks to heredity, we have today, their sons (and some of them also) . . . too proud to quit an organization until it's all over and the work has been done!

LT. (jg) FINCH WAS HOSPITAL PIONEER

LT. (jg) DALLAS FINCH

Lt. (jg) Dallas Finch, hospital commissary officer, left last week for sea duty after serving here for almost three years. Mr. Finch, one of the few remaining 'plank officers' on the compound came to the U. S. Naval hospital in April 1942 as a Chief Pharmacist's mate, from the U.S.S. Minneapolis.

On active duty since July 15, 1923, Mr. Finch is an officer who came up "through the ranks." He was commissioned an ensign in the Hospital Corps, USN, in May 1943 and received his promotion to Lt. (jg) on August 1, 1944.

As an X-Ray technician, Mr. Finch helped install the hospital's X-Ray department before taking over his duties as commissary officer.

The familiar sight of the detached commissary officer in the mess hall will be missed by his many friends here.

NEW CHECK IN GATE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Now under construction and due to be completed this month is the new "check in" gate at the main entrance to the hospital compound.

The new project will alleviate the confusion now encountered by patient and staff personnel when checking out and in from liberty. The gate house will be sheltered and contain four lanes, three for patients and one for staff. Check stands inside the house will be provided for the master-at-arms force. The walk used presently for both patients and staff will be used exclusively for checking visitors in and out.

PHARMACIST MATE HAS NAVY CROSS

ROBERT L. WINTERS

Robert L. Winters, PhM3c, USNR, patient on Ward 6, was honored last week when presented with his permanent citation in connection with receiving the Navy Cross decoration. Presentation was made by Commanding Officer Captain J. T. Boone.

Signed by James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy, for the President of the United States, the citation reads:

"The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Navy Cross to Robert L. Winters, PhM3c, United States Naval Reserve, for service as set forth in the following:

"'For extraordinary heroism while serving as a Company Aid Man of a Marine Assault Battalion in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, November 20, 1943. Although seriously wounded in the leg and shoulder during the approach to the beach, Winters refused to return to an aid station and, tenaciously continuing on with his unit, tirelessly administered medical assistance to isolated groups of Marines. Later, under intense, persistent enemy fire, he courageously made his way forward to a wounded comrade, rendered first aid and dragged him to safety. Subsequently organizing a relief party of stretcher-bearers, he contributed materially to the successful evacuation of at least 20 Marines. Winters' splendid initiative, fearless devotion to duty and unselfish efforts on behalf of those under his care reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

Laredo, Tex. (CNS)—Rancher Sy Sibert came home and placed his gun on the table. Sy Junior, 3, picked up the rod. "Go ahead," said his father jovially, "plug your "Daddy." Junior then shot his parent in the stomach. Both now are recovering, Daddy from a stomach wound, Junior from a spanking.

Chaplains Corner

DIVINE SERVICES
Hospital Chapel
CATHOLIC

Chaplain .....John Lane
Sunday Masses.....0620 and 0930
Weekday Mass .....0620 Daily
Confessions: Heard before all masses.

PROTESTANT

Chaplains.....W. Boyd Thrift
Lloyd A. Doty
Divine Services.....1030
Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 1700

Influencing People

One of our substantial U. S. citizens made a name for himself a few years ago by turning out a book which promised to give its readers a new efficiency in the art of influencing people. Just how much good the book did we have no way of knowing, since such things are not easily measured. We do know this though, it rapidly became a best seller and a great number of people felt that it helped them in their business and social life.

There is one thing to which the author of the book gave little attention, although he did mention it, and that is the value of sincere friendship. Much can be gained by acting friendly, it is true, even though you may not feel much real friendship down inside, but much more can be gained for you and for the other fellow if your friendly appearance is backed by a deep-rooted sincerity. The way to influence people is to have friends, genuine friends, and the way to have friends is to be a friend, not just seem to be one.

The catch is that friendship, when you come right down to it, is sharing. You don't do much of that without really wanting to. You can pretend that you enjoy sharing your home and your possessions for a little while, but sooner or later the edge wears off your temper, you blow your top, and what appeared to be a friendship turns out to be a prolonged conversation during which nothig was said.

There is only one real secret to friendship, and that is nobly expressed in these words of Jesus: "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." Think it over.—W.B.T.

CARTOONISTS WANTED

How about it? On a compound this large we must have at least a few artists. The Stethoscope needs good cartoonists and patients and staff members with cartooning ability are urged to present their wares. There are plenty of angles to be worked out and if we don't know you we can't issue a personal invitation. Cartoonists stop in at The Stethoscope office.

RED CROSS WORKERS PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT

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Preparing for a surprise birthday party on LeRoy Davison, Ward 51, who was 19 years old last week, are Wave Bessie Elwood, PhM3c; Peggy Fay, Red Cross worker, and Hospital Corpsman William Norman, PhM2c. The cake, complete with candles, was furnished by the Red Cross for the celebration. Averaging 50 cakes a month, the Red Cross has provided on the hospital station 206 birthday parties for patients since last September.

Patients soon to be discharged have the Red Cross to thank for taking care of their filing of pension claims. A "must" on the check-out list is a visit to the claims class conducted twice a week in the Recreation hall. Shown above are Red Cross workers Betty Thompson, left, and Lorraine Berg, right, aiding patients, left to right, Joseph Albin, F1c, Pvt. Millard R. Moffie, G. W. Allen, PhM3c, and Paul W. Moore, S1c, in making out their papers. Over 2,281 pension claims were handled last year. Information gathered at the sessions are typed into the forms by the Red Cross workers and then signed by the patients.

HIGHLANDS COUPLE PRESENT CHAPEL GIFT

A beautiful large Bible, bound in red Morocco with gold lettering has been presented to the hospital for use in the chapel by Mr. and Mrs. Langdon C. Henry who reside in the Highlands.

Mr. Henry's father built and presented the Chapel in the Highlands, as a memorial to his wife.

There has been a close association between the religious life of the hospital with the Highland Chapel. Some of the chaplains assigned to the hospital have conducted services from time to time at that Chapel. The community relationship maintained between the hospital and the residents of the North End of Seattle is mutually beneficial.

Washington, D. C. (HCQNS) — Lapsed policies in the National Service Life Insurance plan may be reinstated prior to expiration of the five-year, level-premium term period, according to recent liberalization of the reinstatement provisions.

New York (CNS)—Miffed when his girl friend refused to make him a cup of coffee at midnight, John Santos leaped off the roof of her home into the street below. Now he's at Bellevue Hospital undergoing mental observation.

PATIENTS, STAFF MAY GIVE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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"The American Red Cross requires $200,000,000 to continue its services both overseas and in this country," reports Commander Wanamaker, chairman of the drive at this hospital. All officers, nurses, civilians are urged to participate. **Enlisted men will not be solicited, but any voluntary contributions will be welcome.**

Nationally the American Red Cross has a tremendous job. Last year, prisoner of war packages alone were furnished for 10,800,000 of our U. S. and Allied prisoners; 5,000,000 pints of blood were donated for plasma; 921 clubs operated overseas to provide relaxation and recreation for our servicemen. By their two-way communication system that stretches around the world between Field Directors and local chapters, 3,500,000 servicemen and families were assisted with their problems.

In this hospital the Navy gives the sick and wounded the best possible medical care, but we recognize there are other things that are needed to speed up their recovery—relief from worries and diversion of their unoccupied hours. The Red Cross hospital Staff of social workers and recreation workers have ably assumed their part in doing this.

The Case Worker helps the serviceman solve his personal problems. It may involve a wire home to obtain verified information about the illness of a relative or it may bring the parent of a seriously ill patient to his bedside when needed. The case worker helps the patient overcome anxieties connected with his injury or illness. Often she enlists the aid of the Red Cross home chapter in interpreting his condition to his family. She sees that he has toilet articles and cigarets; she arranges a loan if he needs one. If he is to be discharged because of disability she assists him with his pension claim, and helps him with his plans for returning to civilian life.

In this hospital alone, over 5,000 patients and hospital corpsmen received counselling with their family and personal problems during 1944.

Financial assistance was given to 1,167 totaling $22,906; 1,690 patients benefited from their discharge service; 2,281 pension claims were filed.

The Recreation Workers organize parties, games, movies and entertainments in the wards. They try to keep a wide variety of activity going on, so that men may choose the things they like best. This hospital provides a wide variety of crafts for diversion, 644 movies have been shown in the wards, 450 musical entertainments and parties have been given. Each bed case receives a birthday cake on that eventful day, which averages around 50 a month.

The Red Cross Volunteers hold a very important part in the program. Gray Ladies in this hospital assist Recreation Workers by supplying a shopping service, which means combing downtown stores for any item the patient can't buy for himself. They have assisted over 2,000 patients with shopping. Another scarce item is wrapping paper.

Gray Ladies have supplied wrappings for both gifts and mailing for 7,000 packages. They also make recordings to send home and have done so in 1,867 cases. Patients who have occupied their leisure hours at the craft table in the Recreation Hall have totaled over 3,500.

The Canteen Corps, another volunteer service, meets all incoming trains and serves patients with coffee and doughnuts in the wee hours of the morning. The Motor Corps has transported many patients to and from the hospital. The Staff Assistants provide typewriting service and relieve office help to more important duties. The Arts and Skills Corps has recently been assigned to assist in Occupational Therapy.

To Theron Whiteside, MM2c of Ward 42, goes congratulations for being the first voluntary contributor on the hospital compound to the 1945 Red Cross War Fund Campaign. Whiteside's $5.00 donation was made to the local Red Cross office on 28 February, prior to the opening of the drive which is scheduled to start here 15 March.

These and many other services are carried on at this hospital and all over the world. They can be continued only through your support.

The American Red Cross is your agent. You don't give to the Red Cross, but through the Red Cross, to the men and women in the Armed Services.

WAVE OFFICER TAKES POST AT CORVALLIS

Lt. (jg) Henrietta W. Bonaviez, W, USNR, has left for the Naval hospital at Corvallis, Oregon, after serving on temporary duty here in connection with special instructions in the educational department. Lt. (jg) Bonaviez will be the educational officer at Corvallis.

Camel Cigarette Company To Fill Orders in Full

Expressing desire to supply Seattle Naval Hospital with their full orders, the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company informed the Ship's Service Department last week of a policy that promises ample cigarettes for hospital personnel.

Excerpts from their letter states, "Although the acute shortage of CAMELS has forced us to place limitations on all other service activities except those overseas, we have continued to execute orders for hospitals in full.

"So that we may continue to do this we solicit your cooperation in limiting sales to minimum personal requirements of patients and staff personnel.

R. J. REYNOLDS
TOBACCO CO."

In commenting on the letter, Lieut. R. Osborne, Ship's Service Officer, said, "The above gesture seems to be a very commendable action on the part of the Reynolds Tobacco Company. The words **Personal Requirements** . . . mean just that . . . Please do not try to supply all your civilian friends with tobacco, because if you do, we will be out of cigarettes and the rationing will become more severe. At the present time there are plenty of cigarettes for staff and hospital patients."

Olson, Former Editor Writes From New York

F. A. Olson, PhM1c, former editor of The Stethoscope writes from Pier 92 Receiving Station, New York, N. Y., that while awaiting duty aboard his new ship he is "whipping out sad sport slants for the local Pier 92 weekly." Says Olson, "Don't tell anyone but when I arrived in Gotham they imposed the midnight curfew. I wonder??"

"Tell all my friends hello for me."

LaVerne Hovig Bride Of Bill Mangun

Congratulations are being received by another newly married couple on the compound since the announcement by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hovig of the marriage of their daughter, Laverne, to Bill Mangun PhM2c staff of Groveton, Texas.

Vows were exchanged by the couple the evening of 22 February, at the bride's home with the Rev. Borg-Breen officiating. Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Lane Langsjoen. A reception for relatives and close friends followed the ceremony.

Laverne is employed in Patients Personnel and Bill is on ward duty.

San Francisco (CNS)— Frankie Can Vie, a 58-year-old street car conductor, is 5 feet tall. His eyes are watery and his head is bald. But he is quite a man, withal. Police arrested him recently for being married to 8 women—all at once.

Commendation Given Patient

R. F. Denison, AMM1c, USNR, Ward 45, who hails from Mt. Vernon, Wash., was recently presented with a letter of commendation and ribbon at ward inspection. Shown at the presentation, made by Cmdr. H. L. Leavitt, are ward patients and Navy Nurses Ens. Miller and Lt. (jg) Ambrose.

A commendation ribbon authorized by Admiral of the Pacific Fleet C. W. Nimitz was presented to Rinaldo F. Denison, AMM1c, USNR, Ward 45, by Comdr. H. L. Leavitt, MC, USNR, at a recent weekly ward inspection.

The commendation was made for Denison's "meritorious service" as plane captain of a medium land-based bomber plane.

The letter of commendation said: "For meritorious service as plane captain of a medium land-based bomber plane in operations against the enemy over the Northern Kuriles from 5 May, 1944, to 20 September, 1944, he successfully completed numerous long and arduous flights over water with extremely heavy loads under hazardous weather conditions, both day and night, in the face of stiff enemy opposition, and despite such unfavorable conditions and occasional minor damage to his plane, he was at all times skilfully capable of returning safely to his base. His conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service."

THE STAG AT THE POOL

One summer day a stag came to a pool to drink, and saw himself reflected in the water. "How beautiful and strong my antlers are," he said. "But what a pity my legs are so thin and ugly!" Just then he heard the baying of hounds. The legs he had been complaining of carried him swiftly away from the hunters; but just as he thought he was safe, his beautiful antlers got caught in a thicket, and before he could get free the dogs were upon him.

. . . Usefulnes is better than beauty.

—AESOP'S FABLES.

Buy War Bonds

Recommendations For Special Instruction

Washington, D. C. (HCQNS) — Special instruction for hospital corpsmen will be recommended by the responsible medical officer on the fifteenth of each month, according to the directive from Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General of the Navy. No hospital corpsman may be recommended for training in more than one specialty with the exception of dental technologists (general) who may be recommended for training in dental technology (prosthetic). Also, any technician may be recommended or ordered to training in medical field service.

It will not be Bumed policy to transfer hospital corpsmen serving under jurisdiction of the fleet to activities within the continental limits, except in outstanding cases.

Sailor 'Bobby Soxer' Falls for Songstress

At a recent hospital show, a young lady, with a great deal of talent was singing her version of that popular hit of a few years back, "Begin the Beguine," when suddenly from somewhere in the rear of the auditorium a great crash rent the air.

The audience upon investigating was confronted by the spectacle of a wheel chair patient lying flat on his back showing every indication of having been overcome by the dulcet tones of the attractive songstress.

Persons seated near the disturbance were emphatic in stating that as the victim fell a pair of "Navy blue bobby socks" was plainly visible. (No official confirmation.)

Tall Tale Tellers May Take To Air

Tellers of tall tales, here's your chance. Every week until 10 June, Kate Smith, radio songstress, is giving away a check for $250 to the American veteran in a hospital or convalescent center who sends in the tall tale that she likes best for her "Kate Smith Hour" broadcast. In addition, ten extra awards of $10 each will be given.

During the last week of the radio season—it ends 10 June—the tallest of all the tall tales will be picked by a special jury and the author will get $1,000 extra.

Every hospitalized American serviceman in any branch of the armed forces can get in on it. Just write up your tall tale and send it to Kate Smith, who will be the judge. In case of ties, duplicate awards will be made.

Tales may be sent to Kate Smith, 1819 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y. Include your name, rank, serial number, hospital address and home town.

Commissary Officer

LT. JOHN JOYCE

Lt. John Joyce, H.C. USN, has taken over as commissary officer on the hospital compound, succeeding Lt. (jg) Dallas Finch. Lt. Joyce formerly served at the Naval hospital in Philadelphia and at the Naval hospital, Supply Depot, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Waterville, Me. (CNS)— George Champion, 82, lifer at the Thomaston state Prison, took a look at the world outside prison walls the other day and made a startling discovery. "Women have ankles," he said. Champion saw his first woman in 45 years as he was being driven from the prison to a hospital for an operation.

By JANE RAYMOND, PhM3c

Bathing Beauties: The WAVES are not worried about the bathing beauty aspects of their new swimming program. They are too much concerned with passing the requirements of the Navy's standard swimming test expected 100 per cent among the Navy women. Besides, they claim, the makeshift suits they're devising due to wartime scarcity of lastex and other glamorous modes of water sport attire threatens to put the kibosh on the glamour idea. Since this column is being written before the WAVES take their first swimming lesson at Pier 91, the report must be confined to the girls' anticipation of jumping into the water. The dire statement, "You have to jump ten feet, feet first, into the water and then swim using three strokes" brings grimaces to the faces of those who would rather sit on the beach than go near the water. "Tex" Denton jovially jests that she's not worried about the floating. Figures she can pass that easily, under the circumstances. But she claims the Australian crawl is as remote to her as the continent is distant from the United States. De Lorenzo of the MAA shack expressed anxiousness on two counts. First, obtaining a bathing suit consisting of more than two or three handkerchiefs and second, fear that someone knowing she doesn't swim might take advantage of that old teaching style and push her in to "sink or swim." What actually happens at the pool remains to be seen . . .

Sparkler: Ruth Marshall, PhM3c, is wearing a diamond ring at the request of her lieutenant.

Ramblings: Some WAVES have wondered how many miles Tousant travels daily on her job as messenger, with a route that takes her all over the compound. How many telephone calls does Hockenbrock, Place et al answer daily at the O.O.D.'s buzzing desk? Some are curious to know how many thousands of strokes Chandler, Gray, Parker, et al, of Physical Medicine daily put into their massages; or how many thousands of miles of yarn that Dodge, Merker and Lovejoy of Occupational Therapy, handle daily in helping patients with handicraft. It's a subject of curiosity to know how many salads that Diener, Ferris, et al concoct in the Diet Kitchen.

WAVE FIVE BOW TO CADET NURSE QUINT

A scrappy Cadet team led by Feathers who totaled 18 points, downed the Waves by a score of 22 to 7 in a recent basketball contest at Lakeside school. Adams of the Waves took credit for four points and Schrack scored the other three.

Guerrilla Fighter In Philippines Relates Experiences to Patients

Shown above are patients on Ward 2, hearing the thrilling story of her personal experiences in the Philippines told by Julia Peters. From left to right they are: V. L. Struve, SM1c, E. P. Delage, MoMM1c, Mrs. Peters, R. W. Massengale, CM3c; Back row: Sgt. C. L. Reddoch, Gy. Sgt. W. L. Holtz, Peggy Fay (Red Cross worker), Pvt. K. E. King, Sgt. H. J. Dagley, G. F. Zika, EM3c, and J. M. Rozman, S1c. Pictured with their backs to the camera are W. F. Mann, S1c, and O. S. Smith, F1c.

Base Keglers Turn In Good Scores At N.W. Tournament

Chief Pharm. L. B. Tracy took high honors with a 559 for the hospital keglers in the team event and I. R. Schlesselman was top man on the team in the singles, in the fourth annual Northwest Service Bowling tournament, sponsored by the Civilian War Commission on 25 February.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Team Event:				
Bateman	179	164	177	520
Abranowski	136	160	175	471
Horner	171	161	177	509
Schlesselman	193	166	154	513
Tracy	212	203	144	559
Doubles Events:				
Tracy	230	157	168	555
Schlesselman	143	203	190	536
Bateman	240	147	225	612
Horner	140	141	165	446
Abranowski	178	167	165	510
Vennes	172	133	164	465
Singles:				
Abranowski	137	123	180	440
Bateman	183	170	188	541
Horner	139	186	157	482
Schlesselman	181	195	205	581
Tracy	154	175	181	510
Vennes	152	153	182	487
All Events:				
Abranowski	1421			
Bateman	1673			
Horner	1437			
Schlesselman	1630			
Tracy	1624			
Vennes	952	(total for 6 lines)		

LEAVE FOR VISIT IN CALIFORNIA

SUZANNE AND ELIZABETH ANNE HELLER

Suzanne (Baby Suesue) and Elizabeth Anne (Betsy) Heller have left with their mother, Mrs. Milton F. Heller, Jr., for a visit with their other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton F. Heller in San Diego, Calif. Captain and Mrs. Boone, as well as their friends on the compound, are let down by the departure of the Commanding Officer's grandchildren. Betsy was well known on the reservation as the little messenger in the C. O.'s office and frequenter of the Ship's Service store.

West Plains, Mo. (CNS)—Dorothy Jennings, 19, thought she was marrying Dale Howard but instead married Arnold Clinton, his best man. The mixup occurred, she explained in an annulment petition, when the lights went out during the wedding ceremony.

NURSES NOTES

Ens. Rose Thornton, N.C.

Weekly Observation: The early pioneers of Seattle must have been hardy people indeed, to have built such a city in so much rain. They must have been too tired to face returning over the Rocky Mountains, and took to the mountains here, as a safer haven.

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Look to your sports laurels, Nurses! Dust those letters off and get on the beam.

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The Navy Nurses from this hospital are now attending physical fitness classes every Monday evening from 1915 to 2030 at the Lakeside school gym. The girls who attended last week had a wonderful time playing volleyball, badminton, basketball, doing exercises and tossing the medicine ball around. These ambitious Diedricksons are enthusiastic about the whole thing, and are already casting their eyes about for an opponent in a basketball game. We need a little more practice yet, of course.

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Many of the nurses are on "needles and pins" looking for their long awaited orders. Every Monday the most oft repeated question around the quarters being "any orders?"

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The painting in the Annex is almost a thing of the past. The occupants of the building may now sit back with a contented sigh and watch, sadistically, the others move.

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Ensign M. Pedersen, who has been on the sick list has now returned to duty.

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Those who passed their second class swimming test on Tuesday, 20 Feb. were: Lieuts. (jg) M. Spaulding, J. Chute and A. Anderson; Ensigns V. Guthrie, N. Smith, F. Clark, A. Kowantz and R. Smith.

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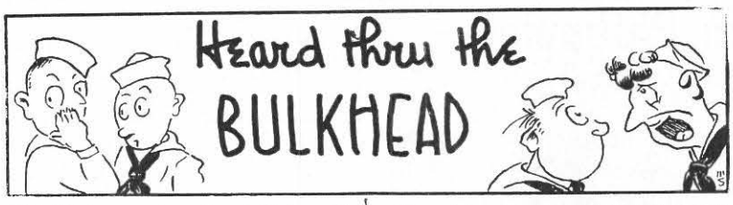
Bon voyage to Ensign M. Ruen, who has been on temporary duty here. Miss Ruen will serve at the Naval hospital in Astoria, Oregon.

Staff Officers Drop Game To Headquarters

Staff officers dropped a 52 to 45 loss to the 13th Naval District Headquarters quint in a return basketball game played recently at the Lakeside school. Simpson with 21 points and Ewen with 10 points were high scorers for the hospital with Barnett totaling 19 points for high man on the headquarters team.

Guam (CNS)—Before we kicked the Japs out of Guam, they told the natives there that things were so tough in the United States that President Roosevelt had to stand in line for his rice ration.



Tickled as a bunch of kids with new hair ribbons are the Waves with their new bed spreads. The Wave quarters have taken on a fancy appearance with the addition of bright blue and white striped spreads on the bunks. Ask any Wave who has done duty elsewhere and she will tell you that the local quarters are tops in comparison to accommodations offered on any other station.

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Captain's inspection brings out the best in a man, at least that's the general concensus of opinion. On a recent inspection day, the inspecting officer asked a hospital corpsman standing at attention: "And where do you keep your cockroaches?" Truthful beyond the call of duty, the corpsman replied: "Around the sink, sir."

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The Naval hospital paper at San Diego recently featured Lt. Cmdr. J. B. Hassberger formerly of our staff as their "Doctor of the Week." Says the San Diego paper, "Dr. Hassberger seems more like a traveling salesman with a savoir faire personality than a pediatrician. Be that as it may, he insists he did not miss his profession."

Found to be the main attraction on Ward 32 is Sgt. Ruth Griswald, Marine Corps Women's Reserve. She has the local Gyrenes in a twit with her "invasion stories." Wonder who put "married" after her name in the rec hall guest book.

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If you wonder why Wave Patty Lovejoy has the giggles again, it's 'cause Chief M. A. Varner is back from leave. He gets 'em with that, "Hi, most beautiful Wave on the compound."

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Now here this: Simpson, from the Patient Personnel office has given the word. Invitations are out to his wedding which will be a thing of the past by the time you read this. Or will it?

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Purple hearts to the morning chow cooks—or had you noticed how they work with shells bursting all around them.

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Guide: "We are now passing the largest brewery in the world."

Sailor: "Maybe you are, but I'm not."

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Give some people enough rope and they'll skip with your girl.

IS THEY IS—OR IS THEY AIN'T

For many years editors have been known to have no bed of roses as they try to please readers in all walks of life.

Now just take this paper, for instance. If you squeeze in stories from all over the compound you'll hear objections from somewhere. If you leave it out you catch it. If you try to give space to the chaplains and officers you get accused of 'banging ears." No matter what stand you take you're sure to get scathing denunciations, which, we suppose, is why so many people want to be editors.

A school boy from Belleville, Kans., composed the following essay, which is a gem. Here's what he had to say:

"I don't know how newspapers got into the world, and I don't think God does, for He don't even mention them in the Bible. Maybe the Editor was one of the Fallen Angels, for he seems to fall for about everything that people tell him. If the editor makes a mistake folks say he ought to be hung; if a lawyer makes a mistake he appeals the case; when a doctor makes a mistake they say nothing, 'cause they don't know Latin, and they couldn't read his writing if they did.

"A doctor can use a word a mile long, and it don't make any difference if he knows what it means, for folks will think he is educated, while an editor has to be able to spell any word he uses.

"If a doctor goes to see another man's wife he charges for the visit, while if the reporter goes he gets shot. People that call the doctor and get well think he's a great man. If they don't get well they can't say anything against him. Two-thirds of the folks are sore at the editor all the time, either because the paper said something about them they don't like, or said something about somebody else and didn't say a word about them."

TIPS ON THE PIX

Recreation Auditorium

Shows at 1730 and 1930

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7—
No Show.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8—
"AN AMERICAN ROMANCE."
Brian Donlevy and Anne Richards.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9—
"BRING ON THE GIRLS."
Veronica Lake and Johnny Tufts.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10—
"PRINCESS O'ROURKE"
Olivia de'Havilland and Robert Cummings.

Honorable Discharge Received By Hospital's Original 'Rhythm Doctor'

Originator of the Rhythm Doctors, hospital orchestra, and a veteran of the dental laboratory at the Seattle Naval hospital, Melvin M. Beaver, PhM1c, of Bellingham, Wash., was last week invalided from the service with an honorable discharge.

The hospital will miss the original "Rhythm Doctor," who has for the past 28 months been stationed on the compound.

M. M. Beaver

A prosthetic dental technician for 23 years before entering the Navy, Beaver was a familiar figure in the dental department. He designed a large part of the present lab and his last day here found him in his favorite haunt on Ward 23.

In recalling the early history of the Rhythm Doctors, Beaver related that the ochestra was organized through the efforts of Capt. Brady, then executive officer. The original band had eight members, all hospital corpsmen. "We only had half enough instruments, so I furnished the rest," said the originator, who before entering the service made a hobby of organizing orchestras. "It grew from 8 men to a full band of 23 men at one time. Up to this date we've had 397 different men play in the band. We have played on the compound, at officers' parties, the Naval Station, the Naval Air Station and hold a record at the Service Men's Center, where we've played every Thursday night."

In addition to his hobby of music, Beaver had a large collection of unique jewelry which he designed and made. He was proudest of his wife's engagement and wedding rings, which were original creations.

On leaving the service Beaver returned to his home at Bellingham to join his wife and new pride and joy, their two-months-old daughter.

WAVES LEARN TO SWIM UNDER NEW PROGRAM

Looks like the Waves are about to become mermaids according to the latest in orders from the executive's office. It says "All Waves will become qualified swimmers." Well, you've heard of waves with white caps, some of them roar and some splash, but who ever heard of one sinking.

Joining patients, corpsmen and nurses in the physical fitness swimming program, the Waves will take regular swimming instruction and tests at the Receiving Barracks swimming pool at the Naval Station on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1800 to 1900. Lists of Waves to report for the test or instruction will be posted in the Waves' quarters on the morning preceding the day the swimming class is scheduled.

Heads Red Cross Committee On Base

CMDR. F. H. WANAMAKER

Cmdr. F. H. Wanamaker (MC) USNR, is chairman of the Naval Hospital's Red Cross War Fund Campaign committee assisted by Lt. W. B. Brookover (s) USNR, Lt. (jg) Corinne Q. Way W (H) USNR, Mrs. Gladys Cooney and H. W. Hawker, civilian employee representatives, and Ensigns E. McCarthy, G. Taplin and E. O'Connell of the Navy Nurse Corps.

Plans are under way for the annual drive for memberships and donations which opens here March 15, and which opened nationally March 1.

An intensive drive will be conducted among civilian employees on the station but no solicitation for funds will be conducted among enlisted personnel. Voluntary contributions and memberships will be accepted from individuals.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In compliance with Naval regulations. The Stethoscope publishes in advance, all general and local elections throughout the United States. This will enable each man to request ballots from his home state in sufficient time to execute his or her voting privilege.

Post cards will be furnished by the Hospital Voting Officer, Lt. P. Thompson, in the Recreation Office. All post cards must be addressed to their respective Secretary of State requesting an absentee ballot.

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NEW JERSEY

State election, 12 June.
Municipal election on 8 May.